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14 FEBRUARY 1984 - EBERSFELD, WEST GERMANY

10 ALF activists raided the premises of laboratory animal breeder Franz Weberpals and rescued 7 dogs and 8 hares which were destined for use in painful experiments.

MARCH 1984 - DOVER, KENT

Animal Rights campaigners broke into Dover College and rescued 30 mice which were due to be dissected.

14 MARCH 1984 - BARKING, ESSEX

As a protest against factory farming, ALF activists were responsible for attacks on three butchers shops. West's in Ripple Road, Matthews and Farmers Meat Store in East Street had their windows daubed with 'Meat is Murder' slogans in red paint and glue was poured into their locks. Mr. Kemp, manager of West's, said: "I was so angry. It took me three quarters of an hour to clean out the lock with a knife and to open up the shop". Shame.

15 MARCH 1984 - RENNES, FRANCE

Animal Rights activists, going under the name of 'Commando Fourpaws', carried out an attack on a man who supplies dogs for torture in laboratories. The seven-strong team waited on a country road just outside Rennes and waved down a van driven by Jean Ramage which was en route to a laboratory. The 55 year-old animal supplier was held down, tied up, had his hair cut off and his face was then daubed with indelible red paint. The activists left him at the roadside and took away his van with 10 dogs locked inside. The animals were later taken to good homes just outside Paris.

15 MARCH 1984 - GUILDFORD, SURREY

In a daytime raid, organised by South Eastern Animal Liberation League (SEALL), over 100 Animal Rights campaigners stormed the highly sensitive Manor Farm site at Surrey University. Several activists entered the building, papers and other documents were taken and a hamster and Jack Russell dog were liberated. A University spokesman stated that the dog was used to demonstrate to students the correct method of handling animals and: "He was not caged and lived just like a farm dog". The dog was found in a small cage in the laboratory and was obviously being subjected to some sort of experiment. The car in which he made his getaway smashed through the gates of the University and has not been seen since despite police efforts to find him. The hamster was found and later taken back. 52 people were arrested; 2 appeared in Court and were bound over. The rest also appeared in Court where their bound overs were thrown out and they got off. A woman, who police allege was the driver of the car that rescued the dog, has since been charged with burglary. The University carries out cancer and heart research and research on behalf of Shell Agricultural Division.

MID-MARCH 1984 - AINTREE, MERSEYSIDE

Forty soldiers were called in to patrol Aintree racecourse, the site of the notorious Grand National race following another attack by ALF activists. In a protest against this very cruel race in which many horses have had to be destroyed over many years, the activists slipped through security guards under cover of darkness and set fire to Bechers Brook destroying a four metre stretch of the thorn fence. This is the second time in less than a year that the fence has been the target of the ALF. Nine months ago Bechers and a section of the Canal Turn were destroyed and had to be rebuilt at a cost of £2,500 per fence. Extra foot patrols and mobile units are being brought in to protect possible targets, the local paper reported.

MID-MARCH 1984 - CAMBRIDGE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE

ALF activists infiltrated a hare coursing society dinner in Cambridge. The dinner, which was held by the North Essex and Deburgh Hare & Hounds at the University Arms Hotel, was disruped when the activists let off stink bombs which caused a major disturbance. This action was carried out in protest against the killing-for-fun brigade deriving pleasure from watching greyhounds tearing apart a live hare for so-called 'sport'.

18 MARCH 1984 - READING, BERKSHIRE

ALF activists caused considerable damage to premises at the Ministry of Agriculture, Coley Park, Reading where anti-vivisection slogans were sprayed on the walls. Panes of glass in garden frames and a greenhouse and windows in a mansion at the site were also smashed. Cost of repairs is estimated at £250 and was in protest at the type of research carried out which includes the "prevention" of foot and mouth disease.

20 MARCH 1984 - BATH, AVON

Two Animal Rights activists were ordered to do community service by Bath Magistrates. Chris Palmer was ordered to carry out 100 hours of community service and a 75-hour order was made against Dave Watts. Both had admitted at a previous hearing making attacks on butchers shops in the Bath area; Chris had smashed two windows and Dave had sprayed slogans on Dewhurst's butchers shop window in the city centre. They were also ordered to pay costs and compensation totalling £129. Any donations towards these expenses should be sent to the ALF Supporters Group, c/o ALF, PO Box 190, Peace News, 8 Elm Avenue, Nottingham.

20 MARCH 1984 - WALTHAMSTOW, EAST LONDON

ALF activists glued up the locks of every butchers shop in Walthamstow High Street. In all, five shops were attacked, one of the butcher's having to completely replace a lock. In an anonymous telephone call to the local paper an ALF spokesman said: "We carried out this action because we want to put them out of business and causing damage to their property means they will have less money to spend on animal abuse".

LATE-MARCH 1984 - BOUNDS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

In the early hours of the morning, ALF activists blocked up the locks of Aztec Furs in Whittington Road with filler.

LATE-MARCH 1984 - CROUCH END, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists superglued the lock of Dewhurst, a butchers shop, in The Broadway.

29 MARCH 1984 - PARIS, FRANCE

Animal Rights activists raided vivisection laboratories at the University of Paris and rescued 50 frogs from cruel experiments. 20 pigeons, which were due to undergo experimentation, were allowed to fly away and their cages were broken up. Papers belonging to the laboratory were torn up and equipment was damaged and destroyed. Photographs of rabbits undergoing experimentation were taken.

31 MARCH 1984 - HAVANT, EMSWORTH & WATERLOOVILLE, all HAMPSHIRE

As a protest against cruel factory farming methods and the slaughter of animals for food, the following actions were carried out by ALF activists:

HAVANT - The lock to the front door of D. Tallent, butchers, was glued up.
EMSWORTH - Extensive damage was caused when a brick was thrown through the window of Newalls butcher shop.
WATERLOOVILLE - The main door to a butcher shop in the town centre had its lock glued up.

END OF MARCH 1984 - BOURNEMOUTH, DORSET

4 members of the ALF attacked the premises of the East of Eden night club in Bournemouth as a protest against cruelty towards lobsters. The night club had previously been paid a vist and it was found that the lobsters were being kept alive in two fish tanks. The lobsters claws were tied up with rubber bands and were on the menu at £18 each. When diners ordered lobsters, they would be taken from the tanks and boiled alive, involving untold suffering. The activists returned and sprayed the windows of the night club with slogans condemning this cruelty. Following the attack, the club no longer has lobsters on the menu, but the ALF has promised further attacks if lobsters appear on the menu in future.

END OF MARCH 1984 - SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE

Scarborough Marineland and Amusement Park, in Northstead Manor Gardens, was the subject of an attack by ALF activists. In a protest against the use of animals for amusement, "Used and Abused for Fun" and "Animal Belsen" were painted in 2ft high letters on the entrance road leading into the park. Seven workmen from the park had to paint over the writing in black after attempts to wash the slogans off were unsuccessful.

EARLY APRIL 1984 - ASHLEY HEATH, DORSET

ALF activists carried out an attack on the home of Mr. M. Grayston, a breeder of guinea pigs for research. A window was smashed at at home, Little Lions Farm, Ashley Heath and was the latest attack on this animal murderer when last year ALF supporters marched to his premises carrying his effigy which they burnt outside his farm.

EARLY APRIL 1984 - READING, BERKSHIRE

An ALF activist intervened when farmers in the Sulham area of Reading began a campaign of rabbit and badger extermination in a bid to "Protect their failing crops". The farmers action consisted of gassing rabbit warrens and spraying cyanide near badger setts throughout an area known as Sulham Woods. The ALF activist paid a vist to the woods early one morning and sprayed paint over signs nailed to trees which had stated: 'Danger-Rabbit Gassing' and 'ALF' was also daubed. Local talk confirmed that the mere threat of ALF involvement was enough for all gassing notices to be taken down and cyanide spraying to stop. Subsequent checks have confirmed that neither of these activities take place.

2 APRIL 1984 - ISLINGTON, NORTH LONDON

As a protest against the cruelties of the rearing and killing of animals for food, ALF activists attacked a butchers shop in Prebend Street and sprayed anti-factory farming slogans in red paint over the front of the shop.

4 APRIL 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists attacked the business premises of various animal abusers in Edinburgh. IN total, five shops were attacked, all having their windows smashed. The shops included 2 butchers, a meat trade equipment wholesalers, a halal meat wholesalers and the Dominion Fur Company (which is one of the largest fur shops in the city). The ALF group involved have promised that their campaign is being stepped up and no shop dealing in animal abuse can consider themselves to be safe.

8 APRIL 1984 - DERBY, DERBYSHIRE

Three shops were the subject of attacks by ALF activists in Derby. Debenhams store and Boots the chemist had their windows smashed and damage is estimated at over £600. A further attack took place at a gun shop to show repugnance towards people who hunt and kill animals for pleasure. The lock was glued, a window smashed and the slogans "Bloodsports scum", "Hunting scum out" and "Tools of death" were sprayed over the shop front.

8 APRIL 1984 - BEDNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE

ALF activists were responsible for a raid at Bednall Hall Mink farm, Staffordshire. 1,600 mink were liberated after activists had cut through the perimeter fence and broken open the cramped cages. The animals escaped into the surrounding countryside. An ALF spokesman said: "The mink were freed because they were deprived of their freedom and brutually murdered for their skins". A comment from the Fur Breeders Association stated: "Mink reared in captivity have no conception of life in the wild" and described the raid as "A callous and inhumane act" !!

8 APRIL 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists from Edinburgh continued their campaign against animal abusers in the city by attacking four shops who deal in different types of animal skins. All four shops had their windows smashed. These included the Dominion Fur Company (which was the second time in a week that one of their windows was smashed by activists).

Another shop attacked was The Kilt Shop which had a large display of seal skin sporrans in the window (now smashed). The other two shops were Antartex selling sheepskins and also a recently opened leather furniture store. The ALF group responsible have said that this is only the beginning as all aspects of animal abuse will be attacked.

9 APRIL 1984 - AIRDRIE, SCOTLAND

11 activists from Scottish Action Group for Animals (SAGA) appeared at Airdrie Sheriff's Court, Scotland charged with theft by housebreaking following the successful daylight raid on Organon laboratories, Newhouse last December. Charges against 9 of the activists were dropped with 2 remaining. After hearing more evidence about the tenth, his charged was dismissed. Regarding the eleventh activist, after prosecution and defence the Sheriff rendered a not guilty verdict to the charge of theft by housebreaking but found the activist guilty of "reset" being in possession of stolen property. It was alleged that a piece of paper with details of an out-of-date lecture was in his possession. At the time of his arrest, he did not have this piece of paper on him, but during the night whilst in custody, this document was mysteriously added to the list of possessions taken from him when he was searched. The fine for this "crime" was a massive £250 and 60 days imprisonment if a single payment is missed. An appeal has been lodged. In cases of reset it is usual to levy a fine which reflects the value of goods stolen. As the piece of paper in question was worthless, it is very obvious that this is a 'political' fine. Costs amounted to £430. Any donations should be sent to Organon Defence Fund, Department X., c/o The Fund for Animals, 12 Royal Terrace, Glasgow G3 7NY.

10 APRIL 1984 - HEIDELBERG, WEST GERMANY

ALF activists in West Germany broke into the University Hospital in Heidelberg and liberated 4 dogs and 37 cats which were due to undergo painful experimentation. Dr. Werner Scholz, a Director of the research unit, stated that the action had caused serious setbacks to vital research. When 'Stern' magazine asked for details of experiments he answered: "I'm giving no information".

11 APRIL 1984 - NOTTINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALF activists carried out attacks at two Nottingham city centre stores in a protest over the fur trade. A shotgun pellet pierced a plate glass window at fur and leather shop 'Lafayette' on Pelham Street which sent glass all over the goods inside. And anotherwindow was broken at Debenhams, Long Row which houses 'Sovereign Furs'. A spokesman for the ALF said: "The fur trade is immoral and until it is stopped we are going to carry on our campaign."

13 APRIL 1984 - WESTGATE, KENT

A van belonging to farmer Mr. Leslie Charles Christmas was the subject of an attack by ALF activists. The van, which was loaded with eggs, had superglue squirted into its locks and brake fluid poured over it whilst in Westgate Bay Avenue. The damage is estimated at £300.

15 APRIL 1984 - UPMINSTER, ESSEX

Three lorries belonging to Upminster abbatoir were attacked. Lorries used to carry refrigerated meat had their electrical wires cut and slogans were painted on the sides.

15 APRIL 1984 - HICKLING, NORFOLK

In the afternoon of 15 April, several Animal Rights activists staged a daylight raid on the East Anglian Rabbit Marketing Limited. The four minute visit resulted in the rescue of 17 rabbits destined for the fur trade. The company have denied that the raid took place to protect their own sordid interests.

15 APRIL 1984 - EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

ALF activists attacked the business premises of various animal abusers - four butchers, a meat trade suppliers and a fishmongers all had their windows smashed. - just recently having replaced them. Butchers, fishmongers and poulterers are

one of the main targets for the Edinburgh ALF as it is felt that even though the meat industry kills more animals than any other methods of exploitation, it is also the most accepted by the general public.

MID-APRIL 1984 - STEVENAGE, HERTFORDSHIRE

ALF activists destroyed dozens of snares and traps that had been laid in woods to catch and kill wild animals and was the latest attack in damaging equipment at this location.

MID-APRIL 1984 - HEREFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE

Members of the ALF carried out an attack on Hereford Cattle Market. Five windows were smashed as a protest against the "needless suffering to animals" carried out there. A letter left by the ALF at the market stated: "The suffering we cause by our damage is incompatible with the suffering you cause to animals".

MID-APRIL 1984 - CANTERBURY, KENT

ALF activists attacked 18 shops connected with animal abuse in one night. These included butchers, fishmongers and a Wimpey bar - all had their locks superglued.

MID-APRIL 1984 - RAMSGATE, KENT

A meat lorry belonging to the Thanet Meat Company was damaged with paint stripper by ALF activists. Also 12 butchers shops had their locks blocked up with superglue and all of them had to change the locks. (There was certainly a lot of locks changed in April).

MID-APRIL 1984 - MINSTER, ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT

ALF activists glued up the locks of a butchers shop and a bloodsports shop.

MID-APRIL 1984 - CLIFTON & WEST BRIDGFORD, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Members of the ALF claimed responsibility for breaking windows of Boots the chemist shops in Clifton and West Bridgford in a protest against torturing animals. In an anonymous message to the local paper they stated the attack was carried out "as a protest against animal experimentation in the drug industry".

MID-APRIL 1984 - MERSEYSIDE

Brian Swales, an Animal Rights campaigner who was charged with arson after throwing a smoke flare into a Liverpool fur shop, has now had this charged dropped. He still however faces charges of criminal damage and assault in connection with the incident and is due to appear at Liverpool Crown Court laterthis year. Any money to help his defence costs should be sent to ALF Supporters Group.

18 APRIL 1984 - ENFIELD, NORTH LONDON

A man responsible for having blinded a dog and starved a rabbit to death came to the attention of the ALF. It was found that he still owned a dog which was being regularly beaten; the dog was liberated by the ALF and is now in a good home.

20 APRIL 1984 - CHARING, KENT

ALF activists were responsible for painting slogans such as "Blood money" and "ALF" on jumps the night before the Ashford Valley Foxhunt point-to-point.

23 APRIL 1984 - LEYTON & LEYTONSTONE, EAST LONDON

ALF activists smashed the windows of two butchers shops with a catapult; E.R. Jones in Hainault Road, Leytonstone (the second attack on this shop in recent weeks) and another shop in Francis Road, Leyton.

24 APRIL 1984 - NOTTINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALF activists paid a return visit to 'Skincraft', a fur shop in Clumber Street, Nottingham. In a protest against the fur trade, the window was broken and was the second attack by the ALF on this particular shop within a week.

26 APRIL 1984 - RUSHDEN, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

Following a successful demonstration by Animal Rights campaigners six months ago, ALF activists raided Winsey House Farm, Rushden belonging to farmer John Walsh. Slogans such as "Factory Farms Stink", "ALF" and "Walsh is scum" were daubed in paint on the sides of the pig houses in full view of motorists passing the farm on the A6 road. The wife of the pig farmer commented: "Pigs would just not yield any sort of bacon if they were not happy."

26 APRIL 1984 - WETHERBY, WEST YORKSHIRE

4 Animal Rights activists were charged with conspiracy to cause arson to property connected with Leeds University vivisection laboratories. This occurred after the police stopped a vehicle in which the four were travelling on the motorway and allegedly found an incendary device. The four are due to appear at Wetherby Magistrates Court on 24 May, but the case will probably eventually be heard in a higher court. Any donations towards their defence costs should be sent to the ALF Supporters Group.

27 APRIL 1984 - MELLING, MERSEYSIDE

16 ALF activists raided Brookhill Farm, a battery cage farm belonging to Lord Derby and rescued 63 hens from their cramped cages. Later that day Lord Derby was due to officiate at an "open day" at an inner-city farm where hens are kept in free range conditions. The raid was carried out to expose the hypocrisy of Lord Derby who is the owner of a vast number of battery chickens. The hens rescued from Brookhill Farm are now in free range conditions.

28 APRIL 1984 - MALVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE

ALF activists raided Colwall kennels, one of the largest independent breeders of beagles for vivisection in the UK, and liberated 8 dogs. The 10 activists cut through fencing to get into the compound at Perrycroft Lodge, Jubilee Drive, Upper Colwall, near Malvern when 800-plus beagles promptly started barking their heads off! All of the rescued dogs were breeding stock and were deliberately taken because of their value, the local paper estimating the loss to the kennels at £5,800. All 8 dogs are now in good homes.

28 APRIL 1984 - BOUNDS GREEN, NORTH LONDON

ALF activists blocked up the door lock of Aztec Furs in Whittington Road with hard-setting filler and was the latest in a series of attacks on this particular shop.

29 APRIL 1984 - ALDERLEY PARK, WILMSLOW, CHESHIRE

In a daytime raid organised by the Northern Animal Liberation League (NALL), approximately 80 Animal Rights activists stormed the laboratories of Imperial Chemical Industries (ICI). They entered the site perimeter hurling smoke bombs, forced doors open with crowbars whilst video film teams sought evidence of animal experiments. A second group of around 120 activists set up a blockade at the entrance to the grounds as police patrol cars arrived. About 30 people have now been arrested in connection with this raid, a third facing fairly serious charges such as criminal damage, burglary and handling stolen property. Damage is estimated at £2,000. Any donations towards defence costs should be sent to NALL, 8/10 Great Ancoats Street, Manchester.

30 APRIL 1984 - NOTTINGHAM

ALF activists smashed a window of a shop in Radford Road which sells ritually slaughtered (halal) meat. The owner of the shop ritually slaughers goats in the back of the premises and has been warned that further action will take place if he continues with murdering animals in this way.

30 APRIL 1984 - BROXBOURNE, HERTFORDSHIRE

ALF activists received information that a Master of Foxhounds was neglecting a dog. They found that the animal was being kept in a cage that was only twice its size and had been exercised only once in five months. The dog was liberated and is now in a good home.

LATE-APRIL 1984 - CLIFTONVILLE, KENT

ALF activists painted slogans on a meat lorry belonging to Gillams who own a chain of butchers shops in the area.

LATE-APRIL 1984 - CANTERBURY, KENT

ALF activists painted "Meat means Murder" slogans on a butchers shop belonging to Dewhurst butchers chain and also on the pavement outside.

3 MAY 1984 - THANET, KENT

ALF activists threw a brick through a fishmongers window in Cliftonville and slogans were painted on a butchers shop in the Margate area.

4 MAY 1984 - THANET, KENT

A dozen shops connected with animal abuse had their locks glued up by ALF activists. In Margate the locks of Boots the chemist, Matthews and Dewhursts (both butchers) and a shop selling rabbit skins were attacked together with Boots the chemist, a Wimpey bar, two leather shops, a fur shop, two Dewhurst butchers shops and Rooks the butchers.

6 MAY 1984 - CALVERTON, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

ALF activists attacked an intensive poultry farm at Calverton. 20 broiler chicks were rescued from a shed the doors of which were so badly damaged during the break-in, that they had to be replaced by the farmer. ALF and anti-factory farming slogans were daubed on the building. The chicks are now in free range conditions.

7 MAY 1984 - SHEFFIELD, SOUTH YORKSHIRE

ALF activists attacked Fox's fur shop; the window was broken, the pavement outside was daubed with anti-fur slogans and the shop's signs were paint bombed. Damage is estimated at between £500-£600.

7 MAY 1984 - SOUTHAMPTON

In a daylight raid, organised by Southern Animal Liberation League (SALL), 40 Animal Rights activists broke into Southampton University who carry out painful animal experiments. Most of the activists got away with various documents but 14 were arrested and taken to the police station. When appearing in Court, all of the 14 were bound over to keep the peace for one year in the sum of £200 and additionally one had to forfeit £50 of a previous bind over. Extensive damage was caused to doors when sledgehammers were used to gain entry.

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